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Letter dated 12 April 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a message from His Excellency Mr. Abdul Wakil, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Afghanistan, addressed to you (see annex).

I have further the honour to request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 29 and 68 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 12 April 1991 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan addressed to the Secretary-General

After the latest events in Khost, I would like to draw your attention to the sad situation in the city.

As I pointed out in my previous letters, Pakistani military contingents, commandos and paramilitary forces armed with advanced weapons, ground-to-air rockets and tanks equipped with sophisticated guided systems, engaged in aggression against Khost and martyred hundreds of our countrymen and destroyed this beautiful city.

The direct involvement of the Pakistani military in events at Khost has become such an obvious fact that the Pakistani media itself does not attempt to deny it. The Jang newspaper reported Pakistani crimes; it said around 4,000 Pakistani soldiers participated in the aggressive act against Khost. The Frontier Post newspaper said that more than one hundred Pakistani military men were killed in those operations.

Right now, the delivery of bodies of Pakistani soldiers to that country is going on and the Pakistani military shamelessly claims that those soldiers were killed during the Gulf war.

Eyewitnesses stated that even Pakistani servicemen had entered the Khost highway without changing their clothes and that they wore their normal military uniforms and were driving Pakistani armoured vehicles.

I am fully confident that Your Excellency would not let go without condemnation the naked aggression of a neighbouring country by Pakistan contrary to all internationally recognized norms and in violation of the Geneva Agreements.

For more than one week after the bloody events of Khost, the city, the life and property of its inhabitants have faced inhuman plunder by the extremist opposition. The looting of the people's property and its delivery to Pakistan, including the delivery of doors and windows belonging both to private homes and official buildings, were not only stated by eyewitnesses but foreign media also reported the looting. Likewise, the prisoners and the wounded have been treated unlawfully and cruelly.

The Government of the Republic of Afghanistan obtained undeniable information about the brutal torture of POWs by the extremist opposition and the Pakistani officials. They refuse to submit to the Afghan Government the bodies of the martyrs or to bury them in accordance with Islamic rite of the people of Afghanistan.

The policy of the Pakistani Government and of the extremist opposition runs contrary to all Islamic ethical norms and the principle of good-neighbourliness. This policy proves the expansionist and aggressive designs of the Pakistani Government and its hysterical enmity towards the people of Afghanistan. The Pakistani Government shamelessly claims its contribution to the reconstruction and stability in Khost.

I would like to point out that it was the Pakistani Government who attacked Khost and is destroying it right now. The Pakistani Government and extremists are plundering Khost.

Recently the head of Jamaat Islami Pakistan, one of the biggest participating parties of the ruling coalition in Pakistan, Senator Qazi Hosien Ahmad, stated that the war in Khost transferred the borders of Pakistan to the Oxus river, meaning to the north of Afghanistan and Pakistan does not recognize any border up to the Oxus river.

Lately, it was disclosed that, after the fall of Khost, the Senator has been made in charge, by the Pakistani Government, of organizing the political affairs of the opposition. According to the foreign press, he supervises the division of war spoils among the opposition groups. The statement of Qazi Hosien, which proves the expansionist intention of Pakistan, created a dangerous situation in our region.

Therefore, I once again request Your Excellency to warn the Pakistani Government about this bloody and inhuman policy and press that Government to accept the release of POWs, respect the human rights through avoiding torturing POWs and submit the bodies of the martyred and wounded to the Afghan Government. Pakistan should be warned not to block the peaceful solution of the Afghan problem and the intra-Afghan understanding.

I request you, Excellency, to exert as quickly as possible all efforts to prevent further Pakistani aggression against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Afghanistan and to stop the meaningless killing and bloodshed in our country.